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- 1) Car park for SNB and Army vehicles on Revolucni Avenue at the corner of Dlouha Avenue, where a row of huts has been demolished, leaving a new tenment house on the corner, and a space between this and the Victoria Insurance Offices. The parking ground is fenced off from Revolucni Ave. by a wooden fence plastered with advertisements, and from Benediktska Ave. by a wire fence, with a guarded entrance.
/Street ?/
- 2) (a) SNB quarters in an old hut near the middle of the north side of Benediktska, which leads into Rybna Street. There is great activity both in front of and inside the building, with SNB armed with rifles and automatics and carrying leather knapsacks, coming and going.

(b) Buses for the SNB stand on the parking place marked No.5 on sketch.
- 3) Hut which stands directly opposite No.2, probably used by STB. Civilians are always going in and out, and they use cars marked B. /for "Bezpecnost"- security/.
- 4) Cafeteria for officers of the "Jiriho z Podebrad" Barracks in the former KOTVA "Automat" restaurant.

In the same building there are offices of the Garrison Administration of Greater Prague.

The passage along the west side of the KOTVA "Automat" is closed and walled off and there is a small gate into Benediktska Street.
- 5) Bus station for the buses used by the SNB to go to the building numbered "2".
- 6) SNB Headquarters for Prague, in the former Employment Office.
- 7) "Jiriho z Podebrad" Barracks, containing the Garrison Administration for Greater Prague.
- 8) Club for SNB and STB in the former VLTAVA Cafe on Revolucni Avenue. This building is closed to civilians and is used mainly as a dance hall for the SNB and STB.
- 9) Block, probably occupied by SNB, on the street called "V celnici" also forming part of the corner of Havlickova Street. There is always an SNB guard at the entrance on "V celnici" Street.

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- 10) New local SNB station, on Dlouha Avenue, in a block which forms the south-east corner of Rybna Street.
- 11) Čechův Most (Čech's Bridge) is temporarily closed to traffic, while the bridge is to be strengthened and widened. The sidewalks will rest on supports projecting outward from the bridge.
- 12) The road is being widened east of Čech's Bridge, up to Rudolfova Štola and a new sidewalk is being made, overhanging the VLTAVA river on reinforced concrete girders.

2. KOSIRE:

On the south slope of "Na Smukyrce" hill the PTP (Pomocny Technicky Prapor - Auxiliary Technical Labor Battalion) is putting up some new apartment houses for MNO (Ministry of National Defense) employees and regular service officers. The construction is being carried out by ARMASTAV. The precise location has not been given.

3. DEJVICE:

On the south side of Zukovova Avenue, about 100 meters to the east of Komorni Street, 2 large new huts /"tempo"-s?/ 70 x 20, 3-storeys, are being put up. The construction is being carried out by ARMASTAV and the PTP is doing the building work. The huts are to be used as barracks. It is also rumored that this building is to be a hospital but its exact purpose is unknown.

4. ZIZKOV:

- a) A concrete vault is being constructed underground for K. Gottwald's coffin in the Monument to the Revolution. There is an electric elevator from the vault to the monument which raises the catafalque with the coffin. The PTP are working on it day and night. The construction must be very solid, for steel wedges, 30 mms. thick, are being used in the concrete.
- b) There is probably a store for arms at the post office (telegraph and telephone exchange), the corner building on Kubelikova Street and Fibichova Street. Soldiers are bringing crates, which are stored in the building. Part of the building is closed with no access to it. The stores are on the upper storey.

5. KRALOVSKÉ VINOHRADY:

In the SOKOL building in Riegrovy Sady is now said to contain a military fuel dump.

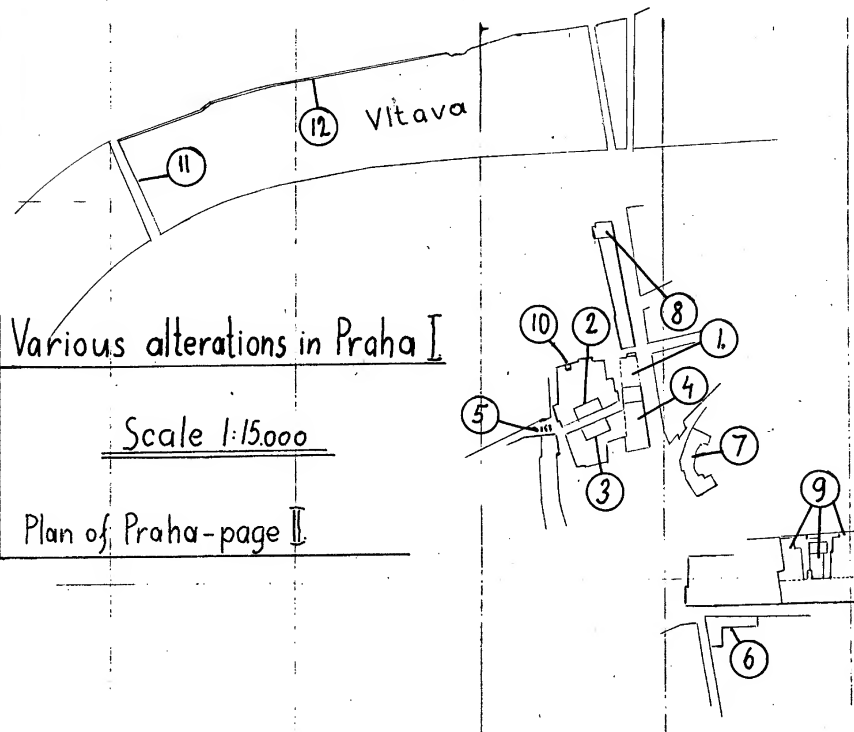
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